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Local Brevities.

The old-time barkentine John Smith cleared yesterday for Los Angeles with 640,000 feet of lumber and 120,000 lath.

Mrs. McKean will hold a closing-out sale of White Wash Suits at greatly reduced prices all this week, at Woman's Exchange, on Tenth street.

A pretty wedding is to take place at Gearhart Park, August 3, when Mr. C. A. Bell of Portland and Miss Lottie Bennett of Astoria will be married.

Having out-grown their old quarters on Commercial street, Sherman & Thing have moved into more spacious ones in the Flavel brook, corner of Tenth and Bond streets.

Frank Warren, sr., was down yesterday from Portland. Mr. Warren reports that the water is clearing at the cascades, but he shares the belief of some of the local packers that clear water can not be reasonably expected at the mouth of the Columbia for some days to come.

Owners of buildings who have not complied with the terms of the new fire-escape ordinance are to be arrested if they fail to observe the provisions of the law. Chairman Hansen of the public property committee is having notices prepared and these will be served on the delinquent property owners.

There was a slight improvement in the receipts of salmon yesterday at some of the packing-houses, and the fishermen seemed to think the run of fish would be good from this time on. Catches of as much as 1500 pounds were reported yesterday. The water is becoming clearer every day and by the end of the present week the supply of fish should be great enough to tax the capacity of the canneries.

Several of the cannerymen expressed disappointment because of the failure of the hatchery run of salmon to put in an appearance yesterday. The cannerymen and fish experts generally have followed closely the appearance of salmon at Monterey, Cal., and in the past the prediction as to the date of the arrival of the runs here has proved quite correct. Just 30 days ago the salmon appeared at Monterey and

it was reasoned they would reach the Columbia yesterday. However, a day or two one way or the other does not upset calculations to any material extent, and packers are daily expecting the arrival of the large schools of hatchery fish. The hauls yesterday at Sand Island were fair, but up-river seiners and gillnetters fared poorly. All of the seiners are now operating.

The funeral of the late Jacob Baker will take place at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence, at 28 1/2 Astor street. The services will be conducted by Rev. McCormac and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

For the purpose of determining what shall be done toward extending the Nehalem road farther south and to examine the nature of the work recently done on the road, County Commissioners Clark and Larson, Road Master Frye and County Clerk Clinton will leave this morning for the Nehalem valley. The matter is to be taken up at the next term of court.

Between the hours of 12 and 1 today the people living east of Thirty-first street will be without water. The water commission must remove the water main on Franklin avenue to another location, and while the main is being moved a connection will be built so that the water supply may be continued. This connection necessitates today's turning off of the water. As there will be less water used between noon and 1 o'clock, the work will be done at that time.

M. J. Young, justice of the peace at Seaside, recently tendered his resignation to the county court. Yesterday Edward C. Judd was appointed to fill the vacancy.

At the adjourned session of the county court yesterday the contract for the construction of the new court house was entered into with Hastie & Dougan of Spokane. The contractors gave a bond of \$50,000 for the faithful performance of the contract. The court also approved the bond of County Clerk Clinton, in the sum of \$10,000. The bond is given by a guaranty company.

Sheriff Linville yesterday made an investigation of the swimming pool location at the foot of Tenth street and found that the space there was not large enough for the purpose required. The sheriff believes it would be advisable to locate the pool in the east

end, where the water is clean and where the pool would not interfere with navigation. He has not yet been able to select a place suitable for the pool, but will make an investigation of east end streets and see if a proper place can not be secured. If the pool is located on private property it will much better answer the purpose.

The ladies of the public library are very much pleased with the increased attendance at the reading room. On Sunday afternoon 70 persons were at the library at one time. The library will be comfortably located in the new city hall and the rooms will be arranged with convenience.

John Kearney, sr., is dangerously ill at his home with pneumonia, and fears are entertained that he may not recover. The attack came on last Friday night and since that time the sufferer has been very ill. Mr. Kearney is 75 years of age and not capable of withstanding the ravages of the ailment. Reports from the bedside last evening gave little hope of the pioneer's recovery.

The cottage at the southeast corner of Franklin avenue and Sixteenth street collapsed Tuesday night, startling the occupants, who believed an earthquake had occurred. The underpinning on which the cottage stood was not substantial, and when the banking which holds the sidewalk gave away the foundation caught the spirit of the times and also collapsed. The fall of the house ruined it, for it is broken in two. The cottage was occupied by K. Thompson.

There seems to be some question as to which of the local baseball teams will have use of A. F. C. park on Sunday afternoon. At the commencement of the season the Commercial Club arranged for the ground up to September 1, and under this arrangement Manager Abercrombie says the Commercial-Rainier game will be pulled off Sunday afternoon. The manager of the Prides of Astoria holds a receipt for ground rent for Sunday afternoon. Both sides therefore have strong cases, and a settlement must be effected before Sunday.

In most other cities the thermometer reaches its highest mark about 2 p. m., but in Astoria the top notch is usually reached at 4 p. m. On Tuesday the glass registered 79 at 4 o'clock, and yesterday it registered 81 at that hour. On both days the highest mark was reached at 4. The heat yesterday was made somewhat the less oppressive by a cool ocean breeze, but the weather was rather too warm for Astorians. Sunshine Masters, the weather observer, says he has some still hotter weather up his sleeve for Astorians, and that he will shortly display it.

The work of installing new boilers in the steamer W. H. Harrison has been finished, and within a week's time the vessel will be ready for service. She is to be operated between Astoria and various coast points where Samuel Elmore has canneries. It is reported that Mr. Elmore has bought the Cook cannery at the Siletz from J. W. & V. Cook. If this report is correct, Mr. Elmore now has six Oregon coast canneries—at Tillamook, Nehalem, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Alsea and Siletz. The Harrison will run to all of those points.

A letter was received at the Columbia River Packers' Association offices yesterday from Nushagak, Alaska. According to the letter, the run of fish has been fairly good, the Packers' cannery having put up between 1300 and 1400 cases of king salmon. The Portland-Alaska ship arrived in time to put up a small pack of king fish. She was caught in the ice in Bering sea, which is reported to be still full of ice. When the letter was written the men were just changing to the small-mesh gear to take red salmon. The pack promises to be almost equal to that of last season.

It appears, after all, that there are really two sides to the controversy affecting the ownership of the strip of land lying between the Shively and McClure donation land claims. The contention of Mrs. W. S. Kinney is that the strip was never claimed by either Mr. McClure or Mr. Shively. Because of the fact that neither claimed title to the land, it belonged to the federal government. When congress passed the act granting to states all the public domain lying between the harbor line and high water mark, this strip went with the balance of the land transferred, and it is claimed the state had the right to convey title to the strip in dispute to W. S. Kinney. Had the strip been included in either the McClure or Shively land claim, the state could not have acquired title to it; but, as neither claimed it, it went to the state in regular form and the state's

title to W. S. Kinney was therefore good. The prospects are that Mrs. Kinney will be able to recover from the city for the land.

Next Tuesday the great council of Oregon, Improved Order of Red Men, will convene in annual session at Seaside. There will be about 70 delegates in attendance. The delegates from the Astoria tribe will be: C. E. Foster, Andrew Birch, W. A. Patterson, Olof Anderson, Thomas B. Loughery and Charles Dahlstrom. Some important business is to be transacted. At the last session a resolution to set aside a certain percentage of the per capita tax for the relief of such tribes as may call on the great council for assistance was presented and referred to the great sachem and the great council for report. The report will be presented at the Seaside convention and final action taken on the matter. The idea is to provide an emergency fund for such disasters as the Heppner flood. The local delegates to the council have been left uninstructed by the Astoria tribe, and as yet they have not determined whether or not they will support the proposal. This matter will be the most important to be called up for action.

C. A. Bell, a well-known young attorney of Portland, passed through the city yesterday en route to the beach. Mr. Bell has just returned from a trip to Mexico City, and in six weeks traveled 8000 miles. He was not at all favorably impressed with the Mexican capital, although he believes the city affords great opportunities for enterprising men. "There is plenty of money to be made in Mexico," said Mr. Bell, "but I would not live there for anything. While away I stopped at all of the principal coast cities and went east as far as St. Louis. In my travels I failed to find a city as attractive as our Oregon cities. There's no other place on earth like Oregon, and I wouldn't give up my residence here for a mansion elsewhere. While away I met many men who have traveled extensively over the country, and it is somewhat remarkable that all of them agreed there were more pretty girls in Oregon than in any other part of the nation. Oregon enjoys an enviable reputation in this respect, the fame of her women being national."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Woodfield returned last night from Portland.

Thomas P. Amos of Tacoma was in Astoria yesterday.

P. Palmer, representing Collier's, was in the city yesterday.

M. R. Pomeroy was among the passengers down on last night's train.

A. G. Barker, a well-known Portland railroad man, was in the city yesterday.

A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co., was in the city yesterday.

Oscar Prael returned yesterday from Spokane. He will spend the summer with his parents.

Miss Zetta Smith of Portland will spend the summer in Astoria with Mrs. H. W. Christenson.

Mrs. Martin Foard and Miss Peterson of San Francisco returned last night from the metropolis.

Architect Lazarus was down from Portland yesterday, attending the session of the county court.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gallagher returned last night from Portland, where they had visited since Monday.

Miss Harriet Cohen has returned from Portland, where she had visited with friends for several weeks.

Louis I. Ostroeki, who has been visiting with his sisters, Mrs. L. Cohen and Mrs. Herman Wise, leaves on the Columbia this morning for San Francisco.

R. A. Hawkins, superintendent for the Columbia River Packers' Association, was over yesterday from Ilwaco. He reports that fish are scarcer this year in Baker's bay than for the past 25 years.

FOR RENT—Office rooms in the Kinney brick. G. E. W. Barker, Astoria National Bank.

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NOTICE.

The Ladies of the Maccabees are requested to meet at Hawthorn's hall tomorrow, July 21, 12:30 p. m. sharp, to attend the funeral of Mr. Baker, husband of Sister Baker.

By Order of Lady Commander.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS. The water will be turned off on all mains east of Thirty-first street between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m. today, Thursday, July 21, 1904.

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